Death sentence by Summary Court Martial

2009. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the extreme punishment of **a** death sentence can be given by a Summary Court Martial after summary trial;

(b) if so, the number of death sentences passed by such courts and executed during the past five years, including the current year, so far; and

(c) the reasons for awarding the rarest punishment just after a summary trial?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shooting on Vikrant

2010. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Hollywood film producer has approached the Indian Nevy for shooting on "Vikrant" for the film "Pearl Harbor"; and

(b) if so, the action taken to earn in dollars through the decommisssioncd warship?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of reply at (a), the question does not **arise.**

Modernisation of Ordnance Depots

2011. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been to the news-item which appeared in the Times of India' dated the 29th May, 2001 under the caption "Plan to Modernise Ordnance Depots";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) to (c) The news items published in the Times of India dated 29th May, 2001 has been perused. Due to paucity of funds, the ammunition storage facilities existing were not adequate to provide total, covered and modren storage accommodation for ammunition held with various ammunition depots. Because of this, some quantity of ammunition perforce has to be placed on open plinths covered by tarpaulins. The Government has, however, in the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 allotted funds and planned that by the year 2003-2004, all ammunition would be shifted into proper, covered accommodation.

2. The Government as drawn plans to modernize all the Ordnance Depots. Initially, modernization of Central Ordnance Depot, Kanpur has been undertaken at a cost of Rs. 187 crores. Projection for modernization of two more Ordnance Depots on similar lines at a cost of Rs. 300 crores has been made in the 10th Army Plan.

3. At present only limited automation has been achieved. Depots are presently functioning on 'stand alone basis'. Complete automation of inventory is being carried out as part of the Computerised Invcntoty Control Project (CICP), in the following three phases:—

(i) Phase-I Automate inventory management functions of Central Ordnance Depot, Delhi Cantonment Army Headquarters and Ministry of Defence as a Pilot Project. This task is likely to be completed by dcccmbcr, 2001.

(ii) Phase-ll All the remaining Central Ordnance Depots, selected Regional Ordnance Depots and a Divisional Ordnance Unit by September, 2003.

(iii) Phase-Ill AH the remaining Regional Ordnance Depots/ Divisional Ordnance Units/Brigade Ordnance Units/ Ordnance Maintenance Companies/Ordnance Maintenance Platoons/Technical Store Sections by March, 2005.